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"He who is afraid of asking is ashamed of learning."----*Danish Proverb*

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President's Message August, 2008

I hope this message finds you all well and enjoying the hobby! Trying to keep in touch with what's going on with my fellow numismatists, I have been going to some club meetings for different functions when I'm able. Still enjoying the great programs and all your Show-N-Tells.

As President of the Vallejo Numismatic Society and Bourse Chairman, May found me very busy with our one day show which seem to be very good. June found me in Livermore to attend the Livermore Valley Coin Club B-B-Q held at the home of Steve and Sharon Kramer where I had the pleasure of presenting a 'NCNA President's Medal' to Terry Gardner. Later in the month I was able to attend the Alameda Coin Club's Show and won a Silver Eagle in their drawing. July had me at two picnics. First was the Fairfield/Vallejo Coin Clubs Joint Picnic held at the Napa Airport, a small group but very enjoyable and then the Diablo Numismatic Society had their picnic at a Concord park and catered by 'Back Forty' with some fabulous ribs, great drawing and a great time was had by all.

I have received three nomination for the 2008 Ron Miller Award and I am waiting for the last of the ballots from the Board Members. Once we have a winner, the date for the presentation will be set up.

There will not be a 2008 NOR-CAL Show but we now have a date for the 2009 NOR-CAL Show. We are moving it to Vallejo, September 26-27th at the Elk's Lodge #559. At this time, I would like to extend my personal 'THANK YOU' to Vince Lacariere and the members of the Fremont Coin Club for all their hard work in the past years. It was greatly appreciated.

September has me on a personal trip back home to up state New York and will not be able to make the Fairfield Coin Club Show on September 7th nor the Gateway Coin Club of Merced on September 13th. You can help by attending your local coin club shows. Hope to be able to attend the Sacramento Valley Coin Club Show on October 3rd & 4th, the Diablo Numismatic Society Coin Show in Concord on October 11th & 12th and the Delta Coin Club Show in Stockton on October 18th & 19th. Then on October 25th you will find me at the CSNA Northern California 9th Annual Educational Symposium hosted by the Vallejo Numismatic Society with four great spreakers with the theme of 'NORTHERN NUMISMATICS'.

Nominations for NCNA Officers are open, why not throw your hat in the ring and get involved. If you are interested just drop a note to NCNA P. O. Box 4104, Vallejo, Ca 94590 or Harry W. Davis, 2900 Georgia St., Vallejo, Ca 94591 or give me a call at (707) 642-0216.

You just can't beat the good times, with the friendship of fellow numismatists, along with expanding your knowledge of the hobby. Hopefully I will see you and get acquainted at all the other upcoming club shows or functions. As I always say, support your local clubs, don't just let the other guy do it all, for you too can enjoy the fruits of your labors! Until we meet again, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Harry W. Davis

Harry W. Davis, President

MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

The member was quite firm and even angry. The issue was the perennial one of volunteers and assistance: "I have to do it all myself, and there is no one to help me." Continuing, the individual argued that help would make the chore, one of the necessary ones of any organization, easier and my enjoyable, lamenting that "it is me all alone." In retort, someone, from the other side of the gathering, blunt in tone, inquired 'had you asked anyone to help you." The reply, well, was 'No', for no one would be willing.

This is what I heard, and this is what we have all witness. It is the nature-of-the-beast in being in a volunteer or with any local coin club. Yet, my readers, there was something missing, missing in the painful lament and in the cruel retort, and it was that powerful verb: 'Ask'.

Thomas P. 'Tip' O'Neil, Jr. (1912--1994), that famous Irish Catholic Democrat from Boston, and the great towering white-haired Speaker of the House of Representatives, once spoke of his first, and only, election defeat. He had thought his election was a 'for-sure': he certainly was well-known and it was a local election, plus, well, if you were Irish, Catholic, and a Democrat in Boston, there is no reason for not to lose. But, he did.

Taking some time, he walked, as the story goes, about his neighborhood and asked a life-long friend, a woman who had known him since his youth, and she replied, in a like blunt tone, "Well, Tip, you never asked me to vote for you." 'Never Asked Me'.

Those words ring. It is the key to volunteerism. It is the keystone for any local coin club. It is the cement that bounds kindred individuals into common bonds. It is what the aforementioned forgot before the complaint: *you have to ask someone for help*. Coin club members, rarely, rush to the front and the head table where the Officers sit and say 'reporting for duty'.

There is an art and skill 'to ask'. It should not be a constant reframe and repetition in a monthly newsletter/bulletin or a detailed job description, as once published in one local neighboring newsletter/bulletin. It must not always be that overused and over repeated admonishment from the head table. ***No, 'To Ask' Must Be Personal, Eye-To-Eye, With A Kind Voice and Appeal.***

Here is where a President really leads, when he or she begins by 'asking', 'asking', one on one, direct to the face, quietly to the side, away from the rush and rumble of the gathering. The President begins by seeking individuals and just 'asking' them if he or she might help and would he or she be willing to commit. If the answer is 'yes', then a firm and spirited 'thank you'. If the answer is 'well I could do this rather than that', then an equal kind 'thank you' and let me 'get back to you soon'. If the answer is 'no'----*and there are certainly more negative responses than positive replies*----then a President again says 'thank you' and 'maybe next time'. The art and skill is in 'to ask'. No one really wants to lay duct tape at 5:00 AM on a Sunday morning onto a just swept hardwood Elks Lodge floor, and no one really wants to bring the 7-Up or Diet Coke to the picnic.

So, He or She Needs To Be Asked.

There are those reading this Mintmaster's Quill who shall, with some justification, compared my reasoning with the late 'Tip' O'Neil and the numerous 'No's' that one might and shall always hear. Yet, 'Tip' learned from his neighbor's lesson, and he went on never to lose an election.

"If there is something to gain and nothing to lose by asking, by all means ask!"----W. Clement Stone

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini, F.R.C.N.A.

NOR-CAL VIII IN 2009!

President Harry W. Davis is proud to announce that our Association has scheduled and set for ***Saturday and Sunday*, September 26 and 27, 2009 its Nor-Cal VIII Coin Show**, in Vallejo, California. After several months of negotiations and discussions, a contract has been signed and the dates committed. *Here Are The Specifics:*

Nor-Cal VIII Coin Show
***Saturday and Sunday*, September 26 and 27, 2009**
Hours: **Saturday, 10:00 AM To 5:00 PM and Sunday, 10:00 AM To 4:00 PM**
(*Note:* These hours might be adjusted somewhat and are subject to change.)
Location: **Vallejo Elks Lodge #559, Banquet Room**
2850 Redwood Parkway, *off Admiral Callaghan and I-80 via Redwood Street Exit*
Vallejo, California

Bourse:
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(*Note:* Bourse Applications are scheduled to be ready ***after*** January 1, 2009; however, potential coin dealers may contact Mr. Davis and be placed on a mailing/contact list.)

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President Harry W. Davis, and the entire Board of Directors, are quite excited about our **2009** Nor-Cal VIII Coin Show, and already general inquiries have been received. Several important functions need to be expedited over the next few months: Bourse Applications, final arrangements, food and luncheon service, a possible Saturday Show Supper, and publicity, plus a Show Drawing (raffle).

The Vallejo Elks Lodge #559 allows for a ***much enlarged*** Bourse and with Bourse Dealers ***having backup tables***. The Lodge has ample, more than ample, free and convenient parking with quick and easy access to I-80 in either direction. On site food and luncheon service is anticipated. Young numismatists will have a Youth Table and activities. There is the possibility of exhibits, subject to available tables and layout. The local Vallejo (California) Numismatic Society has been invited to be the host coin club, and its membership has a proven record and commitment. Anticipate in the January 2009 NCNA HEADS AND TALES more announcements.

Appreciation

As President Harry W. Davis noted in his 'President's Message', our Association thanked and appreciated the exemplary support and service provided by Vincent O. Lacariere, as Bourse Coordinator, and the Fremont (California) Coin Club, as the host local coin club, over the past of years. *Thanks Always!*

2008 Nominations and Executive Officer Election

Again, as President Harry W. Davis announced, this year is our biannual election. If you are interested in seeking an Executive Office----*First or Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer*----please submit your signed nomination either to our Association's post office box or to President Davis. According to our Bylaws, all nominations must be written and signed, and to advance to President, the nominee must have served, at least, one term on the Board of Directors as either First or Second President. Once nominations are received, a ballot shall be prepared and mailed. Generally, in the past elections, ballots and voting has been done in October. *So, Anticipate A Separate Ballot This October. Please Vote, Too!*

Note: As this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue goes to the printer, all current Executive Officers have expressed a willingness to continue for another two-year term.

Treasurer and Editor's Emails

Your combination, double-duty, and ever diligent Treasurer and Editor has now an additional electronic mail address, in addition to his famous and unique, EMPERORI@juno.com. It is Turrini@money.org.

2008 Miller Medal

Nominations have been received and the Board of Directors has voted. As is required by the Charter governing our esteemed *'Miller Medal'*, it is the prerogative and privilege of our President to announce and to arrange for the suitable presentation. Thus, pending that, nothing would be reported here. According to prior practice and the Charter, the presentation must be something suitable and public. Thus, until a date and venue is arranged, the 2008 *'Miller Medal'* honoree names shall be CONFIDENTIAL.

The Board of Directors was presented several worthy candidates, and President Harry W. Davis thanks all who submitted or endorsed nominations.

Next Board of Directors Meeting

No date or venue has been set and scheduled. Club Delegates may telephone President Harry W. Davis at ***707-642-0216*** for any updates and specifics.

Note: Any local coin club holding a coin show and willing to provide a suitable, and separate meeting, *in gratis* room or area is welcomed to invite our Association to gather and to hold its periodic Board of Directors meetings, usually with a mid-morning time frame.

Youth Table

Although a function and program of our neighbors, the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA), our Association endorsed the efforts of CSNA's Youth Numismatist Coordinator, namely Your Editor. The next confirmed Youth Table is scheduled for Saturday Only, October 18, 2008, at the Delta (Stockton, California) Coin Club's Annual Show, inside Eagles' Hall, 1492 Bourbon, off West Lane, in Stockton, California. Information about this two-day weekend Show may be contacted at rubeniii@go.co or telephoned to *209-982-5961*. *Note:* There were two Youth Tables set and scheduled for early September 2008, in Fairfield and Merced, California; however, not knowing the printing and mailing schedule for this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue, these were not announced.
Sidebar: Your Editor was again honored by the American Numismatic Association (ANA) this past August 2, 2008 with its coveted *'Adult Advisor Award'*, making it the second time Michael S. Turrini was presented this Award.

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: NCNA Coin Club Happenings

Hey, What's Up! Yeah, Guys and Gals, I have added to the local coin clubs the title/name of its newsletter/bulletin, editor, if stated, and a fact or two. Why? Newsletters/bulletins are the 'brick-and-mortar' of a local coin club, for it is the communication that is imperative. My recent treks to Canadian Numismatic Association (CNA) and American Numismatic Association (ANA) Conventions had an emphasis on newsletters/bulletins, and these have imperative importance----*using two of the same adjective conjoined!*----and are the 'real life' of a local coin club. As usual, your comments and criticism----*well, kind complaints, please!*----are welcomed to EMPERORI@juno.com or Turrini@money.org. *Also*: Your Editor would encourage local coin clubs within northern California to continue to exchange and to share their respective periodicals. *Again:* If Your Editor is NOT receiving newsletters/bulletins then NO reporting or crediting can be offered. Two (2) northern California local coin clubs have nothing to share: Pacific Coast Numismatic Society of San Francisco, California, and Visalia Coin Club, of Visalia, California. *Please Include Complimentary Copies To Your Assistant Editor At 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.*

Alameda Coin Club THICK AND THIN TIMES, *monthly, single page, Editor Robert G. Sturn*
The ACC enjoyed its June 22, 2008 Coin Show which "was a success," and so much so that Donald R. Barsi, the Club's Bourse Coordinator, reported "Bourse Fees will not be raised next year [2009]." As noted before, the ACC now meets in 'Alameda Free Library, 1550 Oak Street at Lincoln Avenue, one block from Park Street, with parking behind the Library'. Due to the Library hours, the ACC meeting now begins at 6:45 PM. At the July 1, 2008 ACC meeting, Donald R. Barsi shared "a 1930's medal from the Alameda School District for Outstanding Student Achievement and a one ounce silver round from Ohlone College." This is a whole under appreciated facet of numismatics: 'educational institution numismatics'. At the August 5, 2008 meeting, Don "brought twenty-two (22) tokens from Alameda County"; the island city of Alameda, you know, is in Alameda County! *Now, Was The City Named For The County* or *The County Named Because Of The Island City?*

California Exonumist Society THE MEDALLION, *quarterly, multi-age, Editor Michael S. Turrini*
The July 2008 MEDALLION was mailed, and it included an original article by noted Michigan numismatist and elected public servant, Steven Bieda, 'The John F. Kennedy Official Inaugural Medal'. At the August 2008 Golden State Coin Show, the CES held its 'First Annual Fund-Raising Auction' and heard noted Californian numismatist, James W. Hunt, speak on his award-winning exhibit and research, *'Exonumia of the Lewis and Clark Exposition of 1905'. A Big Congratulations To 'Jim' Hunt:* He was honored with the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) coveted *'Medal of Merit'* on Saturday, August 23, 2008, during the aforementioned Golden State Coin Show's Awards Dinner. This exonumia Auction earned $326.00 from forty-seven (47) donated lots, and three or so lots earning $30.00-plus bids. The Auctioneer was Michael M. Stanley, and the Recorders were Catherine Edgerton 'Capitan Kay' Lenker and Virginia L. 'Ginny' Bourke; Ron Ishizaki was the Runner. The CES has had contacts with its counterpart in the Garden State, the New Jersey Exonumia Society. *Hey, Tokens and Medals Are Collected Anywhere!* Contact the CES at *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.*

Cupertino Coin Club THE COIN PRESS / CUPERTINO COIN PRESS, *monthly, multi-page, Editor Lyle Okamoto, electronic distribution only.*
You Editor missed it, the joint CCC's and neighboring San Jose Coin Club's July 19, 2008 Picnic at Sunnyvale's Las Palmas Park: "we all enjoyed the delicious barbecued boneless prime rib steaks, boneless chicken breasts, hamburgers, and hot dogs. Members brought a bountiful table of salads, chips, desserts, and there were plenty of soft drinks and water for all . . . this year's joint picnic was hosted by the Cupertino Coin Club. Richard Boston was the CCC's Chair and Alvin H.W. Lo was the SJCC's Chair." *Bad News:* Lyle Okamoto made it to the aforementioned July 19th Picnic but was not able to attend the CCC's Annual Hot-Dog Night on Friday, July 11, 2008. *Oh Well! Sad News*: William W. Peavey, long-time booster, most recently its Historian, plus CCC Life Member, passed away this past August 18, 2008.

Delta Coin Club NEWSLETTER, *monthly, multi-page, Editor Syd Kass*
Like many other local northern California coin clubs, the DCC held its Annual Picnic last July 27, 2008 again at Lodi, California' Micke Grove: "about sixty-five (65) members and guests enjoyed the Delta Coin Club's Annual Picnic . . . it was warm but a slight breeze made it comfortable. We had lots of help at the barbecue with Dale Olson and Ruben Smith, III, as the official cooks with Syd Kass the fire tender and meat supplier to the grill, with Cliff Rice as the relief cook with Loris Enzminger as the official seasoner." Well, Folks, You Know There Were More

Enough 'Cooks'! The 'Annual Egg Toss' was won by Paul Giaudrone and Ed Carman, and the 'Pennies-In-The-Jar' had Cliff Rice win with a guess of four hundred twenty-five (425) to the actual count of four hundred twenty-seven (427). *Only Two Cents Off*! At the August 19, 2008 Meeting, Michael S. Turrini visited, after a hiatus of several months, traveling with him was fellow educator 'Doctor' Lloyd Chan, and Michael presented his eye-catching *'What Is Money?'*: "examples of items used as trading or bartering method of monetary exchange were shown, with everything from stock certificates to seashells. His material shown seemed to have no end for market exchange or value. A very interesting program presented. Thanks, Mr. Turrini, for driving to Stockton, California from Vallejo, California for your presentation." At this same meeting, the Club voted to begin a 50/50 Drawing at its semi-monthly meetings, "to help defray the rising expense of the free-give away prizes at each meeting." Syd Kass, long-time booster and Corresponding Secretary, walked in American Heart Association 'Heart Walk of 2008', this September 20, 2008, generating a few hundred dollars in sponsorship donations, including a generous amount from Your Editor, too! *Good Job, Syd!* The Friday before, September 19, 2008, would be the date for the 'Club Auction', which as this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue was being prepared, had over sixty (60) donations and was coordinated by Past President Tony Rantz.

Diablo Numismatic Society DIABLO DIE BREAK, *monthly, multi-page, Editor Steve McClure*
The DNS is proud to report two of its members, and both Past Presidents, were honored by the American Numismatic Association (ANA), and they were: Michael M. Stanley, who was selected and appointed to the new position of 'Assistant National Coordinator' for the ANA's Representative Program and Michael S. Turrini, who was bestowed, for the second time, the *'Outstanding Adult Advisor Award'* for 2008, in recognition for his efforts and energy toward 'youth numismatics'. *Congratulations To Both!* The DNS enjoyed its Annual Club Picnic last July 19, 2008 at Concord, California's Ygnacio Valley Park with a record attendance of over one hundred; this outstanding event was coordinated by Larry Casagrande, Mark Clarkson, Pat Hogoboom, and Bill Green. At the Society's August 21, 2008 meeting, Michael M. Stanley, "to celebrate his sixty (60) years in organized numismatics", presented an enthused review of *'United States Commemorative Coinages'*, with "interesting stories behind each issue and how or when he purchased or obtain each issue into his album." Going back to the DNS' June 19, 2008 meeting, it was a doubleheader: the Society's Hot-Dog Night and "an excellent talk stating the advantages and disadvantages of gold coins", titled *'How To Obtain A Gold Type Set'*, by David Dubin.

Fairfield Coin Club FAIRFIELD MONEYGRAM, *monthly, multi-page, Editor Jon-Maria Marish*
Sidebar: Jon-Maria Marish is among the newest local northern California coin club editors while also doubling as the FCC's Secretary, and she does a great job, without any prior experience! *Great Job, Jon!* The FCC joined its neighbors, the Vallejo Numismatic Society, for their Fifth (5th) Annual Joe Sirois Fly-In at Napa County Airport, last July 12, 2008. Credit goes to Host and Booster, Tom Rhyme, Cook, Robert W. Belleau, Sr., Food Purchase, Harry W. Davis, and Entry, Robert W. Belleau, Sr. and Michael S. Turrini, "who signed-in and met some of attendees at the gate and helped with setup but had to leave almost at once since he had a flight to Canada for the Canadian Numismatic Association (CNA) Convention." As usual, the famous Hanger #75 was the back-ground for a nice Saturday afternoon. Going back to the Club's May 28, 2008 meeting, it was the Club's 'George Flanagan White Elephant Auction', which realized $167.00 for the Club. Donors were John P. Russell, Jr., Ernest E. Drake, Jan D. Henke, Jon-Maria Marish, Michael M. Stanley, Michael S. Turrini, EP Wallaker, Patricia Cooper, Albert Ojeda, and William F. Bartz, and at this same meeting, Albert and Patricia cooked a full spaghetti dinner for those present! The June 25, 2008 meeting had one, well, hard to identify or label, Show 'n Tell by Gordon R. Donnell: "a numismatist's preserved bottle of wine with label photograph of the 1915 American Numismatic Association (ANA) San Francisco, California Convention." *Hum?*

Fresno Numismatic Society THE FRESNO NUMISMATIST, *monthly, multi-page, Editor Randy Clifton*
As noted before, your Assistant Editor enjoys reading Randy Clifton's monthly FRESNO NUMISMATIST for his style and commentary. Here are thoughts on the dictionary definition of 'hobby': "We are every bit of that, hunting down those prized coins that we need to make our set complete, and some use more of their spare time doing so than others. But it is something that one does in the spare time and it is very probable that one may have more that one hobby to fill that extra spare time. If that be the case, you will have the chance to tell us about it at the next monthly meeting of the Fresno Numismatic Society . . . for the topic is 'Other Hobbies Night'". *Well, You Cannot Argue His Editorial Message.* The FNS held its annual 'Other Hobbies Night' last August 12, 2008, and maybe a future issue of our NCNA HEADS AND TALES might roster the participants. Earlier at the Society's July 8, 2008 meeting, Ruth M. Phillips did the program, *'Collecting Early Commemorative Half Dollars'*: "she related her experiences as

a novice collector in that field, the mistakes that she made, what to do and not to do, and urged everyone to buy the book before buying the coin. She brought and displayed her newly completed set to show how beautiful these commemorative half dollars looked along with their historical events these represented as well."

Fremont Coin Club THE DOUBLE EAGLE, *monthly, multi-page, Editor Matthew J. Hutchison*
Sidebar: Matt's monthly effort is among the few that regularly duplicate and include snapshots and pictures of events and individuals. Among those supposedly 'in-the-know', this should be a regularity of local coin club newsletters/bulletins. Going back to the Club's June 10, 2008 meeting, it was the Annual Barbecue Potluck, "with many thanks to Chef Roger Lyles and all those who contributed the condiments, salads, desserts, vegetables, fruit, and donations, and the attendance exceed seventy (70)." Matt reminded FCCers that he missed the Club's July 8, 2008 meeting because he "was somewhere over Utah watching the thick clouds of smoke" from California's Summer 2008 fires. FCC President Alistair Skinner suffered a surprised appendectomy, and has been restricted for some weeks in recuperation, but with enough strength and love of the hobby to attend one day, Saturday, August 16, 2008 of the FCC's August 16 and 17, 2008 Coin Show. *Good Show, Alistair! Quick Recovery*! This weekend Coin Show also had a 'Youth Table' and 'State Quarter Search' 'SQS' was coordinated by Michael S. Turrini, with assistance from Gordon R. Donnell and Ram Sethi, 11. Speaking of Gordon, he won the top prize in the Show's Drawing (raffle): a Twenty Dollar Double Eagle, to a man who says "I Never Win!". *Well, Gordon, You Did!*

Gateway Coin Club untitled, *monthly, single-page, Editors Bruce and Frank Frohman*
Your Editor has been receiving the GCC's newsletter somewhat irregularly. The Club's Annual Picnic was rescheduled to August 17, 2008, at Lake Yosemite, and the Tioga Hotel, a downtown Merced, California landmark, "built in 1928 in the Spanish Renaissance Style," is featured on the Club's 2008 medallion issues. Email contacts to the Club may be to ffrohman@hotmail.com. Going back to June 19, 2008, Your Editor did his annual trek and trip to Merced, California and attended the GCC's last-minute relocated meeting and presented his eye-catching *'What Is Money?'* program, before a record attendance, members and family that had just been informed an hour or so beforehand that the meeting was relocated, on a day of one hundred degree heat, too! *Wow! Sidebar:* Your Editor knows that the record attendance was not because of his program; rather, it was the relocated meeting site is a well-known and popular Merced, California eatery!

Liberty Numismatic Society untitled, *monthly, multi-page, Editor Regan Shea with Publisher Miek Sulak*
June 18, 2008 meeting had Michael S. Turrini attending and presenting his *'Tools of the Trade'*, "a thought-provoking tour of his own coin collecting 'tool kit'. In addition to describing the role of various physical aids that enrich coin collecting, Michael reminded everyone to collect friends within the hobby." Earlier at the LNS' May 21, 2008 meeting, Kenneth J. Barr "journeyed up the Peninsula to speak on *'SouvenirCardAPalooza'*, which included an entertaining discussion of the history and evolution of souvenir cards and featured a display of numerous cards housed in several large binders." Graciously, Ken refused the speaker's stipend. Going back just two months, Dr. Regan Shea "lead a discussion about the wide variety of past and present paper money and denominations used by numerous countries around the world." There was a 'Match The Country With The Currency' Contest facilitated by Jim Rosen, which paper money prize: "July meeting attendees took part in a 'just-for-fun' quiz testing their ability to match countries with its currencies. The top score was twenty-eight (28) out of a possible thirty (30) achieved by Past-President Mark Wm. Clark. After scoring this quiz and distributing prizes to all participants, LNS Secretary Dr. Dr. Regan Shea provided a smattering of statistical and linguistic background about various currencies and denominational units used around the world."

Livermore Valley Coin Club untitled, *monthly, single page, Editor Tom Wallace*
Democracy Is Alive. At the LVCC July meeting, the Club "had nominations for the 'Board' for next year [does that mean 2009, six months in-advance!], and they were Chuck White, Steve Kramer, Terry Garner, Randy Masker, Greg Antonini, and Tom Wallace, and these nominations were seconded." Now, unless Senator Hillary Clinton did relocate to The Golden State, these listed were elected at the Club's August 19, 2008 meeting. At the aforementioned July meeting, Ray Kowalski won the 'On Time', Will Hurja won 'Numismania', and Greg Antonini won 'Coin of the Month'. Earlier, June 14, 2008, the LVCC held its Summer Barbecue at the home of Steve and Sharon Kramer, as usual a great time was enjoyed, which must food and fellowship, plus jokes and chuckles.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society PCNS BULLETIN, *monthly, folded booklet, Editor Dr. Michael W. Wehner*

Oops! Nothing Received In Several Months From PCNS! Hum? *Sidebar:* Local northern California coin clubs, Your Editor needs hard-copy of your newsletter/bulletins. Maybe, within a few months or many years, he might convert to electronic means but now, it is a separate hard-copy. *Thanks!*

Peninsula Coin Club PENINSULA COIN CLUB BULLETIN, *monthly, singe page, Editor Bruce Geenblatt*
Special Report: At the PCC's June 9, 2008 meeting, Michael S. Turrini returned with his audience participation *'Counting Us'*, as previously facilitated at the Club's June 2005 meeting. With the same attendance, only one difference, the comparisons were provocative: average years in the hobby, 2005---28 and 2008---36, and average PCC membership, 2005---16.5 and 2008---17, and "it was also very interesting to observe that two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at both meetings had changed their collecting focus into very different numismatic collecting areas in this relatively short time interval!" At the Club's July 14, 2008 meeting, Fred G. van den Haak gave an interesting talk about his recent northern European vacation, and this observation: "with all the current discussion on possible elimination of the United States Cent and Five Cents, it was interesting to note that one country on his tour, Estonia, used a coin with value roughly equal to the United States Cent. While the Netherlands, Germany, and Finland all use the Euro, One and Two Euros cent coins are never encountered in circulation."

Redwood Empire Coin Club untitled, *monthly, multi-page, Editor Dr. Charles Catlett*
The July 9, 2008 meeting was about 'Club Pride', and Lee H. Gong "talked about club pride. He proudly showed off his collection of Club medals and woods. Besides the regular Club medals made, there were two that were over struck on gold pieces. One was the 1985 medal owned by the late Horace Moore and its whereabouts is unknown. The other is the 1991 Club Meld owned by Lee H. Gong." In his presentation, Lee thanked "Jan D. Henke for introducing him to the world of collecting wooden nickels, and collecting two each, so one can display both sides at once." Jack Free at this same meeting noted "that there are six different years that the Club medal issues included overstrikes . . . besides striking the club medals with planchets of various metals, several were struck on Peace and Morgan Dollars." Earlier, at the Club's June 11, 2008 meeting, the theme was 'Commemoratives', with these participants: Andy Smith, Don Murphy, Jim Cauley, Glenn Coleman, Kurt Ginder, Chris Nolen, and Richard Wright, with Dan talking "about entry tickets his mother and father gave him to the Golden Gate International Exposition (GGIE), on Treasure Island, plus an encased 1939 Cent encased from Treasure Island, the year that he was born." *Wow!*

Reno Coin Club RENO CARTWHEEL, *monthly, multi-page printed on goldenrod, Editor Rusty King*
Here Is An Interesting News Clip: "Congratulations and thanks to Rusty Goe for promoting the hobby by rewarding a Third Grader at Silver Lake Elementary School, in North Reno, with an 1808 Bust Half Dollar recently. Young Garrent Allen correctly answered six questions about the year 1808 and had his name drawn randomly. He got his answers off the Internet, a book about the Presidents, and a coin reference book. The six questions were: 'Who was President in 1808?', 'Who won the Presidential Election that year?', 'How many states were in the Union?', Which well-know leader of the Confederacy was born?', Who was Emperor of France?', and Which famous Austrian music composer premiered his 'Fifth Symphony'?'." *Now, Your Editor Knows These Answers. Do You?*

Sacramento Valley Coin Club THE SVCC NEWSLETTER, *monthly, folded, Editor Dr. Rodney W. Baker*
Special Announcement: The SVCC has scheduled a 'Young Numismatist Workshop' at its Fall Coin Show on Saturday, October 4, 2008, from 10:00 AM to 12 PM, and it is by 'reservations only'. Terry Midby is coordinating the workshop, which includes topics as 'how coins are made', 'where the Mints are located', 'common terms', 'grading terms', 'storing a collection', 'exhibiting', and 'using reference materials'. Registration may be to *'PO box 160122, Sacramento, California, 95816—0122'*. The Club's Website, www.sacvalcc.org., has a 'Youth Section, too. *Sidebar:* SVCC President John Bither had a nice commentary in the July SVCC NEWSLETTER: "Recently, I have been doing some re-roofing at one of my rentals and believe me, it really gets hot up there! This is the time of year to enjoy friends and family around the swimming pool or indoors and not the view of the city from atop a blazing roof! Nonetheless, while we work outside during the hot days we continue our planning for the October [3 and 4, 2008] Show during the cool of the evenings."

San Francisco Coin Club TWO CENTS WORTH, *monthly, multi-page, Editor Lyle Okamoto, electronic distribution only.*
Among the recent SFCC meeting programs was John P. Russell, Jr. and his *'Coin Grading V'*, which was an audience participation presentation, at the Club's June 27, 2008 meeting. At this same meeting, Michael S. Turrini

displayed a common Edward VIII, West Africa 1936-dated Penny and his not-so-common autograph as the famous Duke of Windsor. Going back to the SFCC's May 23, 2008 meeting, this was the Club's 'Pizza Night'.

San Jose Coin Club TODO DINERO, *monthly, multi-page, Editors Ray and Sally Johnson*
July 9, 2008 meeting was the SJCC's Annual Youth Night and Annual Hot-Dog Night: "Historian Sally Johnson organized the event and prepared the food. Her helpers included Mario Miramontes, Dorothy Call, Ryan Johnson, and Ray Johnson . . . Ron Ikebe donated $100.00 for the hot-dogs and food." *Note:* This is second year that Ron has donated the funds. At this same combination meeting, Ray Johnson gave his '*The Lucky Little Six Pence*' program: "Ray explained that the Six Pence has been around since the middle of the 16th Century and was used as a denomination by many countries. He also told about the feeling that the Six Pence was considered luck, especially at weddings for the bride," and the date after, July 10th, his grandson, Ryan, who is the Club's President, turned 18, making him the youngest local coin club President known anywhere here in the United States! SJCC joined the CCC, as already reported, for their Joint Picnic last July 19, 2008, in Sunnyvale, California: "Keith Scott bought and prepared the meat with perfection. Unfortunately, there were not as many kids present, only two, so the Picnic was a little more subdued and quiet, with no water fight. This was made up for the by an abundance of camaraderie and good visits by old friends. All in all, it was a pleasant and satisfying affair and a good time was had by all." *Sad News:* Stephen E. Sanford, SJCC Hall of Fame Honoree, passed away last June 21, 2008, to a losing battle with cancer. Ray Johnson eulogized: "He was very witty, always funny, and sometimes zany. He was one of those 'high profile' guys that cause people to want to be around him, at whatever he is doing. It was never 'Oh, it's Steve', it was always, 'Hey, it's Steve' . . . Steve will be missed by all of us."

Solano Silver Round Club SILVER NOTES, *monthly, multi-page, Editor Jan D. Henke*
Since the last CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIST, the SSRC has a complete new slate of Executive Officers, and they are: William F. Bartz, *President*, Jesus Desa, *Vice-President*, Jan D. Henke, *Secretary*, and Michael S. Turrini, *Treasurer*. The SSRC membership is certainly not just Solano County, and for its newest member is from The Peach State, Georgia, Allan R. Lacy, and he collects exonumia from local coin clubs. It should be noted that 2008 is the Club's Silver Jubilee Anniversary, 1983---2008. *Note:* As this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being prepared, plans and designs for a Silver Jubilee silver round are being arranged. The Club in its August 2008 monthly SILVER NOTES congratulated Gordon R. Donnell, who was recognized for being bestowed the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) esteemed *'Medal of Merit'* this past August 2008. *Congratulations, Gordon!*

Stanislaus County Coin Club THE GOLDSTRIKE, *monthly, folded, Editor unrecorded*
The SCCC's July 12 and 13, 2008 Modesto Coin, Stamp, and Collectibles Expo was another success: attendance over one thousand fifty (1050), record drawing ticket sales, interesting exhibits, and bourse dealers quite satisfied. But, as SCCC President Aaron Brown remarked, "most importantly, though, I hope that you all had a lot of fun!" The SVCC has introduced a new game or activity to its monthly meetings, 'Stump The President', which "will be coming to our first meeting each month. Just write down a question about numismatics along with the answer and source you got it from, and turn your question into either Randy McCoy [SCCC Vice-President] or Lloyd Solomon [Treasurer]. A successful stumping is worth free tickets in that meeting's Drawing." For some unknown reason, President Aaron Brown remarked in the August 2008 GOLDSTRIKE "and do not bother asking that question, for the answer is the 1925 Sesquicentennial Half Dollar. Next Question!" *Hum?*

Vallejo Numismatic Society THE BULLETIN, *monthly, multi-page, Editor Michael S. Turrini*
Good News: The VNS held its Annual Renn Auction at its July 2, 2008 meeting, and from one hundred eleven (111) donated lots earned a record and even $1000.00! Auctioneers were Michael M. Stanley and Michael S. Turrini, with Recorder Dr. Rodney W. Baker and Runner Michael Butler. The Annual Renn Auction is named in remembrance of the late Albert R. 'Al' Renn, Jr. (1933-1985), who was once Vice-President and a long-time booster and supporter, famous for his biker image, in leather, flying colors, false eye, and tattoos, plus his favor number, '69'. At the VNS' September 3, 2008, Merle Avila, current President of the neighboring Redwood Empire (Santa Rosa, California) Coin Club, interrupted his filled professional schedule and presented a short slide-illustrated program on '*Tokens*', his major numismatic interest and preliminary to his presentation on Saturday, October 25, 2008, at the California State Numismatic Association's Northern California Educational Symposium. The VNS' August 5, 2008 was its Bingo Night, called by Michael S. Turrini, and Paul Romesburg claimed a record $55.00 in the 50/50 Drawing! By the time the next issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES is mailed, the VNS would have enjoyed two dinners: November 5, 2008, 'Members' Appreciation Dinner', and December 6 2008, the famous 'Joint Christmas Party'

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

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Sept. 7, 2008	FAIRFIELD. Fairfield Coin Club 19th Annual Coin Show, Willow Room, Fairfirld Community Center (downtown), 1000 East Kentucky off Pnnsylvania. Bourse Coordinator: Robert Belleau (707) 253-7332, P.O.Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533-0094
Sept. 13, 2008	MERCED. Gateway Coin Club 35th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Merced Senior Center, 755 West 15th Street at "O" Street, 3 blocks from Highway 99,Merced. Info: c/o John Hoffman, P.O. Box 723, Merced, Ca. 95341 Bourse: Bruce Frohman, Phone: 1-209-521-8218 or email bfrohman@thevision.net Admission $1.
Oct. 3-4, 2008	SACRAMENTO. Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Fall Coin Show, The Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento. Bourse: David Herr, P.O. Box 232, Auburn, Ca. 95604. Ph. 530-885-9050 or E Mail: gcce@jps.net Admission $2, under 18 free
Oct. 11-2, 2008	CONCORD. Diablo Numismatic Society 12th Annual Contra Costa Coin Show, Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Avenue at Diamond Boulevard, just off Freeway 680 in Concord. Bourse: Bill Green (925) 351-7605. e mail:greenwj@aol.com (Admission $2)
Oct. 25, 2008	VALLEJO. CSNA Northern California 9th Annual Educational Symposium, Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 734 Marin at Capital, in downtown Vallejo. Registration begins at 9AM with the programs starting at 10AM. Host Club: Vallejo Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0428. Information: Phone (510) 547-0518 or (707) 246-6327. E Mail: EMPERORI@juno.com

Nov. 9, 2008	SAN JOSE. Peninsula Coin Club 29th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com
Jan. 7-11, 2009	ORLANDO, FL. 54th Annual Florida United Numismatists Convention and Show. Orange County Convention Center, 9800 International Dr., Additional Information: Phone Cindy Wibker (407) 321-8747.
Jan. 23-5, 2009	SAN JOSE. San Jose 41th Coin, Stamp and Collectors Show, The Pavilion, Santa Clara County Fair Grounds, 344 Tully Road, San Jose. Bourse: Ray Johnson, P. O. Box 10416 San Jose, CA. 95157-1416 Also: See web page at www.sanjosecoinclub.org. Admission $3.
Mar. 6-8, 2009	SACRAMENTO. "2009" Wests Token Jamboree, Western Token Society, Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento. Bourse/Information: Michael Wehner, P.O. Box 194271, San Francisco, Ca., 94119-4271 Phone: (415) 928-4469; e mail: mf_wehner@yahoo.com website: http://www.exonumia.homestead.com
Mar. 13-5, 2009	Portland, Or.. American Numismatic Association National Money Show, Additional Information: Phone (719) 632-2646 or www.money.org
May 3, 2009	VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society 37th Annual Show, Vallejo Elk's Lodge, 2850 Redwood Parkway, off Admiral Callaghan, Vallejo. Bourse: Harry W. Davis, 2900 Georgia, Vallejo, Ca. 94591-6602. Information Phone numbers: (707) 642-0216, (707) 246-6327 or E Mail: EMPERORI@juno.com
Sept. 26-7, 2009	**VALLEJO**. Nor-Cal VIII Coin Show, Elk's Lodge #559, 2800 Redwood Parkway, Vallejo, Ca. Open Saturday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Bourse: Harry Davis, 2900 Georgia, Vallejo, Ca. 94591-6602 Phone: 707-642-0216. Information: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0410. Phone: 707-246-6327, e mail: EMPORORI@juno.com. or Gordon Donnell, P.O. Box 20372, Oakland, Ca. 94620-0372, Phone: 510-547-0158.